1992-93 and during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise during 1992-93 as compared to 1991-92 particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The installed capacity of Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units at the end of the 7th Five Year Plan (as on 31st March, 1990) was of the order of 7.54 lakh tonnes. This Ministry has formulated a number of Plan Schemes being implemented during the Eighth Plan Period and it is estimated that installed capacity of Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units in the country during the Eighth Plan is likely to increase to 20 lakh tonnes. The details of the Plan Schemes of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Sector and the funds earmarked for the year 1992-93 are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Plan Scheme.	(Rs. in crore) Funds earmarked for 1992-93.
1	2	3
1.	Scheme for setting up food processing and training centres in the rural areas.	1.50
2.	Scheme for assistance for State Governments undertakings and State Cooperatives/Joint Sector for establis'ument of F&VP units.	3.00
3.	Scheme for strenthening backward linkages between processors and growers.	0.75
4.	Scheme for assistance for Development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing.	1.00
5.	Scheme for development and processing of Hops.	0.40
6.	Scheme for generic advertising on processed foods and for providing marketing assistance.	1.50
7.	R&D in F&VP.	0.10
	Total-	8.25

Since this Ministry does not set up Fruit & Vegetable Processing Units directly, no state-wise funds have been earmarked.

Modernisation of rice mills

@3059. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements made with regard to modernisation of rice mills and better by-product utilisation under the scheme for modernisation of Rice mills; and

(b) how many Rice mills in Andhra Pradesh have been modernished under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) Due to sustained efforts made by the Government, the number of modern/modernished rice mills has gone up from practically nil in 1970 to 32969 in 1992, Consequently, the quantity of rice bran (a by-product of rice milling) processed for oil extraction, has gone up from 1.87 lakh tonnes in 1970-71 to 28.09 lakh tonnes in 1991-92.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, the number of modern/modernised rice mills has gone up from practically nil in 1970 to 12,995 in 1992.

Financial assistance to sick deep sea fishing units.

3060. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2043 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1992 and state:

(a) what amount of assistance is

[4]Previously Unstarred Question 1835, transferred from 4th December, 1992.

proposed to be extended for sick deep sea fishing units which obtained stiff terms of rehabilitation from the SCICI;

(b) whether Government also propose to grant interest subsidy to such units; and

(c) what amount of financial assistance will be forthcoming from your Ministry to stabilise such deep-sea fishing units in Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) The rehabilitation scheme for deep sea fishing units announced by SCICI in April, 1991 has been further liberalised in June, 1992. The scheme provides for re-schedulement of loans and interest, recapitalisation of overdue amounts repayable over the balance economic life of the vessel and extension of moratorium period along with exemption from penal interest;

(b) The deep sea fishing units assisted by erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) which have now been reported sick, have already sick have already availed SDFC loans on subsidised rates of interest.

(c) The rehabilitation scheme provides for additional financial assistance for meeting escalation in cost of vessels and assistance for modification and repair of vessels for companies availing of the rehabilitation package.

Traffic Curb in Connaught Place Area

3061. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic curb has been imposed recently in Connaught Place, a major business centre of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the New Delhi traders objected to this traffic curb;

(c) whether the Delhi Administration had negotiation with them for an amicable solution; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) to (d): The New Delhi Traders Association represented to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) on 21st October, 1992 that the traffic System introduced on 5.10.92 was adversely affecting their business and that it should be discontinue. The Delhi Police has reported that on the recommendations of the Committee comprising representatives of New Delhi Traders Association. New Delhi Municipal Committee, Traffic Police, media and traffic and transportation Experts, three channelisers have been removed. The Delhi Police has further reported that there has been no resistance since then to the resultant pattern with effect from 15th November, 1992 from any quarter.

Reservation to Minorities in Jobs and Education

3062. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant reservation to the minorities with regard to jobs and education.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the efforts made by government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.